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<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	IRVN-007CON2
	First Named Inventor	Gatanaga et al.
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Title: "FACTORS AFFECTING TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR RECEPTOR RELEASING ENZYME ACTIVITY"		

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

*Ans B1* -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/712,813, filed *Ans B2* November 13, 2000 which application is a continuation of *Ans B3* PCT Application No. PCT/US99/10793, filed *Ans B4* May 14, 1999, which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on *Ans B5* November 18, 1999, which application claims the priority benefit of U.S. application 09/081,385, filed *Ans B6* May 14, 1998, pending. For purposes of prosecution in the U.S., the priority applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

No new matter is introduced by this amendment.